

2002 English & Communication

Intermediate 2

Close Reading

Finalised Marking Instructions

			Marks	Code
1.	What might have caused the writer to be "saucer-eyed" (line 2)?		1	U
		t he was reading frightened/shocked/surprised him (1) the late hour/tiredness (1)		
2.	"read	ding clinically precise accounts of people gnawed pulpy" (line 2-3)		
	Considering this expression as a whole , explain fully how the language used makes it humorous.			A
	Full explanation of the humour created by the contrast between the formality of "clinically precise" (dispassionately, objectively, impassively or medically exact) and the informality/horror of "gnawed pulpy" $= 2$			
	Less complete explanation still suggesting contrast = I			
3.	"(I didn't know this happened!)" (line 4)			
	(a)	Explain the use of the brackets round this expression.	1	A
		Any suggestion that it is an aside (1)		
	(b)	Explain the use of the exclamation mark.	1	A
		Any suggestion that it suggests the writer's surprise (1)		
4.	(a)	What do "aromatic gel", "juicy meat" and "a chocolate bar" (line 6) have in common that attracts bears?	1	U
		smell/aroma (1)		
	(b)	Which single word used later in the same paragraph makes this clear ?	1	U
		"olfactory" (1)		
5.	In your own words, explain the ways in which human beings might have accidental confrontations with bears.		2	U
	Gloss of "round a bend appraisingly" (lines 9 - 10) (1) Eg By being unlucky enough to bump into one on the trail Gloss of "wander unwittingly prey" (lines 10 - 11) (1) Eg By meandering/walking into the area dominated by/the domain of an old/injured bear			
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6.	Read lines 12 – 32 again.			
	(a)	In your own words, outline the points the writer makes to support his contention that, if he were attacked by a bear it is more probable "it would be by a black bear".	3	U
		Any THREE from Grizzlies don't hunt/roam beyond the west bank of the Mississippi (1) Black bears outnumber grizzlies (1) There is an increased number of/there are a great many black bears in the country (as a whole) (1) There are many black bears in the area the writer was going to visit (1) Grizzlies in USA are confined to one area (1) There must be some attempt to gloss.		
	(b)	In your own words, what characteristic of black bears makes even an attack by them unlikely?	1	U
		Gloss of "retiring"(line 28) Eg They are shy (1) Straight lift = 0		
7.	"Ursı	us horribilis as it is so vividly and correctly labelled" (line 14)		
		has Bryson used the word "labelled" in this expression instead of a word called"?	2	A
	Label	lled is more appropriate to a scientific specimen (2)		
8.	Why might "positively porcupine it" (line 17) be considered an effective expression here?		2	Е
		illiteration on the letter "p" (1) suggests pricking/puncturing (1) image of the porcupine is appropriate (1) to something covered in $vs(1)$		
		numorous image (1) suits the tone of the passage (1) upine used as verb (1) is unusual (1)		
9.	Read	paragraph 4 (lines 29-32) again.		
		ify any one technique used by the writer in this paragraph and explain how echnique helps him to create an appropriate tone.	2	A
		nique identified/example given (1) + explanation (1) vant point about structure or example (1) + explanation (1)		
		vant point about word-choice or example (1) + explanation (1)		
		a ant point about punctuation or example (1) + explanation (1)]		

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10.	Give the meaning of the word "adroit" and explain how lines 45 and 46 help you to work it out.			A
	Skilful/adept/able/expert/etc. (1)			
	The fact that the writer says it is foolish to try to escape a black bear by climbing a tree/the fact that you could end up fighting a black bear in a tree suggests black bears can climb well (1)			
11.	(a)	What "tactics" are you advised to adopt if you are attacked by a black bear?	2	U
		Make a lot of noise (1) Throw things at it (1) Run at the bear (1) Any two.		
	(b)	Quote an expression which suggests that Bryson is not convinced of the wisdom of this advice.	1	U
		"Yeah, right"/"you first, Professor"/"Well thanks" (1)		
12.	Explain clearly Bryson's main purpose for including the story of the two teenagers, Mark Seeley and Michael Whitten?		2	A
	To demonstrate/illustrate (1) the unpredictability of bear behaviour/unreliability of the advice (1).			
	Thir	nk about the passage as a whole.		
13.	Bill Bryson, is a very popular writer of travel books.			
	Referring in detail to at least two techniques he uses in this passage, explain why people might find his writing enjoyable.			E
	Mark on merit			
	Relevant technique identified in passage (1) } X 2			
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Total 30

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